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Lafayette, Louisiana
March 29, 2004

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Middle Hackberry Zone, Reservoirs A & B
Lower Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A
Clear Marais Field
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **MAYNE & MERTZ, INC.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Middle Hackberry Zone, Reservoirs A and B, and the Lower Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A, all in Clear Marais Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Middle Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A, the Middle Hackberry Zone, Reservoir B, and the Lower Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A, all in Clear Marais Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, said units to be designated MIDD HBY RA SUA, MIDD HBY RB SUA and LWR HBY RA SUA, all as shown on the plats attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

3. To provide that any future wells drilled to the aforementioned zones should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
4. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the aforementioned zones by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
5. To consider such others matters as may be pertinent.

The Middle Hackberry Zone in the Clear Marais Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 11,325 feet and 11,840 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Mayne & Mertz, Inc. (formerly XCL-Louisiana, Inc.) – Lyons No. 1 Well, located in Section 15, Township 11 South, Range 11 West, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

The Lower Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A, in the Clear Marais Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 11,826 feet and 12,224 feet (electrical log measurements) in the XCL-Louisiana, Inc. – MGGT GL No. 3 Well, located in Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 11 West, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, Telephone No. 337/232-5004.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, pre-application notice was given; however, no request for the conference was received. Therefore, the conference tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2004, WILL NOT BE HELD.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the applicant's proposals and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this pre-application notice is being mailed. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such plats (being the same plats attached to the notice dated March 17, 2004) and list of parties are being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the plats and/or list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

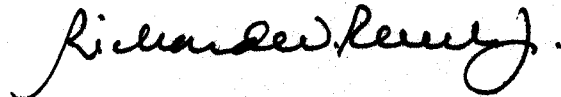
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Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$1,510.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

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Attachments
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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Office of Conservation
cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

